

GSEIWI Event Policies

These policies are in place for any Council Event run by staff or community partners, with registration available through our on-line registration system, ebiz. For questions about policies for Partner Programs or Schedule Your Own programs, please contact the program partner directly.

Payment

Registrations will be processed once full payment is received. Payment may be made by cash, personal check for any type of event; Cash, personal check, money order, or debit/credit card (American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or Visa) can be used for Council programs. Registrations awaiting grant awards are not considered paid in full until approval is made and any remaining balance is paid. Late or incomplete registrations will not be accepted. Cookie Program Credit will only be accepted for council-sponsored events and an approved volunteer led events, such as community volunteer led day camps. Adults may not use Cookie Program Credit as payment for their event fees.

Financial Assistance

Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois recognizes the needs of members with financial hardship and strives to eliminate this potential barrier to participation for girls and volunteers. While troops and families are asked to be as self-sufficient as possible, grants for financial assistance may be requested. Financial assistance cannot be accepted for Partner, Service Unit, or Schedule Your Own events.

Refunds

Refunds will only be issued if a council event is cancelled by the council due to low registration or hazardous conditions. Refunds will not be made for cancellations after the event deadline or once maximum capacity for the event has been reached. A refund may be possible if there is a documented medical/emergency situation and a written request is submitted within one month of the event date.

For Partner, Service Units, and Schedule Your Own programming, the individual(s) hosting the event may have their own refund policy. Please check with the designated contact person for those events on their own refund policies.

Adult Participation

Adult chaperones attending events are expected to provide control of the troop or group. An adult must accompany an individual girl who attends an event unless otherwise noted.

Girl Participation

All events and activities are planned specifically for the grade level(s) stated in the event information. For this reason, events are open only to groups or individual girls that meet the grade level requirements.

Tag-Alongs

A tag-along is any child that does not meet the gender or grade level requirements for the event (siblings, friends, etc). Tag-Alongs detract from the needs and interests of girls participating in the Girl Scout program; therefore, tag-alongs do not attend events unless the event is designated as a "Family Event" open to all family members.

Inclusion and Special Needs

Girl Scouts embraces girls of all abilities, backgrounds and heritage. Each girl — without regard to socioeconomic status, race, physical or cognitive ability, ethnicity, primary language or religion — is an equal and valued member of the group. Every reasonable effort will be made to accommodate the special needs of all participants to ensure all girls can participate. Please contact Program@GirlScoutsToday.org with questions about inclusion or special accommodations.